When effectively used in the classroom, wikis can be a valuable tool in helping students master higher order thinking skills, like creating and evaluating.

Here's how you can put wikis to work for you.

**Write an assignment description**
Include the requirements each student must follow when writing their wiki posts, as well as your expectations for feedback.

**Create a page structure everyone must follow**
Sharing this template with your students ensures content is consistent across the class, and it is easier for students to navigate through each one.

**Encourage personalization**
Allow students to personalize their wiki within the template by adding color and graphics. This allows students to be creative and maintain their (and the reader’s) interest.

**Allow commenting**
Commenting lets students give classmates feedback and encouragement throughout the semester. They are an essential part of building a community and a way for students to make improvements in their work.

**TIP**
Check each Wiki to make sure proper permissions are set up, so students can make changes and additions to their wiki.

**TIP**
Comment on students’ wikis. Your feedback is key to the instructor-student relationship in your class.

__Wiki is Hawaiian for “quick or fast.” When used in the context of software, wiki is a website that allows users to easily contribute to or edit content – thereby allowing the site to grow rapidly and become more robust.\_

__UNMC provides faculty with a wiki tool through Canvas. Simply create a page for each student and select “Teachers and students” under the “Options: Can edit this page role section.” Then, students can comment directly within the wiki, utilizing a discussion board or an assignment with peer reviews.\_

Additional Resources


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